

SAINT CLARET COLLEGE, ZIRO

SEED MONEY/GRANTS FOR RESEARCH POLICY

Introduction

Saint Claret College, Ziro (SCCZ) encourages its faculty to undertake major/minor research and hence, the faculties are required to identify, with the help of the Research Promotion Cell (RPC), major and minor research projects that are available through various research agencies in India and abroad. Any project proposal to any agency must be routed through the RPC for its review and recommendation, and should be submitted only after the Principal's approval. However, a research proposal of merit that failed to garner external funding may apply to the RPC for internal funding. SCCZ has been instituting seed money/grants for research since 2014. It is expected that the provision of such grants/seed money will encourage faculty to explore research possibilities, identify research opportunities, and to undertake research projects.

Objectives

- To motivate faculty to be actively involved in research in their areas of expertise
- To stimulate research inclination and competencies among teachers
- To encourage faculty to explore research possibilities, identify research opportunities, and to undertake research projects
- To promote inter-faculty and inter-departmental collaboration in research
- To contribute to the general body of knowledge through research

Awards

- The College, through RPC, pledges Rs. 1,00,000.00 every year as seed money for research proposals of exceptional merit
- This amount may be revised upwards periodically
- The seed money may be distributed among several proposals that make the cut
- The duration of the grant will be 1 year. It could be extended to another 1 year after a satisfactory review of the research progress

Eligibility

- Any faculty member of SCCZ holding a PhD degree and/or a faculty with a proven track record of quality research and publications; and continuous service of at least two years at SCCZ
- The seed money/grant will be sanctioned based on merit basis and eligibility criteria as decided by RPC/IRB
- The applicants should have not have secured a Major Research Project (from any agency) so far (remember: seed-money is for beginners!)

Terms & Conditions

- The decision of the selection committee on the approval, rejection, or consideration of proposals shall be final
- The decision of the selection committee will be conveyed to the Principal Investigator (PI) who will be the contact person for all administrative matters regarding the project.
- On acceptance and approval of the proposal, the PI would then enter into a Seed Fund Agreement with the Institute.
- The PI must abide by the terms and conditions laid by the RPC/IRB for the purpose of undertaking a project
- The PI is responsible for the conduct of the research as well as procurement, utilization and maintenance of equipment in accordance with the institute research policy.
- The funds have to be utilized within the stipulated period.
- The sanction of seed money shall take place in three instalments. The first instalment (50%) shall be transferred to PI accounts immediately after the approval of proposal and execution of agreement. Second and third instalments (25% each) shall be sanctioned on satisfactory review of the research progress and on completion of the project respectively
- After execution of agreement, the first instalment of funds (50%) will be transferred to the project account of PI within 10 days
- The PI must submit accurate and timely progress reports (every 3 months) of the project in the prescribed format as provided by the RPC/IRB
- In any research communication arising out of the funded project, the contribution of the institute should be duly acknowledged.
- In case PI leaves the institute before the completion of project, a co-investigator from SCCZ will assume responsibility as PI. No collaborator from another institution can become PI under this condition.
- On completion of the project, any material/equipment bought for the purpose of the research, will become the property of the College.
- Publication in peer-reviewed journals/intellectual property generation including product/process development would be expected as outcomes of the project. Further, it is understood that any IP emerging out of research funded by SCCZ will be owned by SCCZ. Such IPR will recognize contributions by all researchers as "inventors", and any resulting royalties will be shared by SCCZ with the inventors.



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